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Dear Sir

Amendments to the Proposed Submission Adur Local Plan (2016) – consultation

The British Horse Society (BHS) is the UK's largest equine charity and equestrian membership organisation, and the governing body for recreational riding. Its charitable objects include the promotion of equestrian safety, particularly on roads, and equestrian access to bridleways and other off-road riding for the public benefit. I would like to submit the following comments on behalf of The Society.

Shoreham Airport – New Monks Farm – Para 2.77

Sound - Consistent with National Policy

The Society's concerns have always related to the removal of the existing traffic lights at the Sussex Pad junction, so we are very pleased to see this wording removed. Unless a grade separated crossing can be provided for walkers, cyclists and equestrians to link the Old Shoreham Toll Bridge (BW 2048/1) to the National Park (using BW 2065), a signalized crossing must remain here at the Sussex Pad.

There would be no possibility of these NMUs being able to cross the A27 without traffic lights to stop the traffic, a roundabout would be too dangerous for them and effectively sever the link, making the Local Plan non-compliant with NPPF para 75 – "Planning policies should protect and enhance public rights of way and access. Local authorities should seek opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks."

The Society will not support any change to the Sussex Pad junction, which does not ensure safe and improved NMU access across the A27 to the South Downs National Park.

Yours faithfully

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County Access & Bridleways Officer (West Sussex)

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